

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS BILL)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to pronouncements of death by registered  
2 nurses.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 152.1, subsection 7, paragraph e, Code  
2 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3 e. Make the pronouncement of death for a patient whose death  
4 is anticipated if the death occurs in a licensed hospital,  
5 a licensed health care facility, a correctional institution  
6 listed in section 904.102, a Medicare-certified home health  
7 agency, a Medicare-certified hospice program or facility, an  
8 assisted living facility, or a residential care facility, with  
9 notice of the death to a physician, advanced registered nurse  
10 practitioner, or physician assistant.

11 EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill adds correctional institutions under the control  
15 of the department of corrections, as enumerated in Code  
16 section 904.102, to the list of places where a nurse may  
17 make a pronouncement of death for a patient whose death is  
18 anticipated. Currently, nurses working in these institutions  
19 must request a doctor to make pronouncements of death.